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Intended for use by teachers, librarians, parents, and elementary school students, this book provides 115 pathfinders to a variety of subjects to guide a student's research and broaden a child's interest base. Each pathfinder (i.e., collection of resources on a given topic) includes: a description of the subject; the Dewey Decimal numbers specific to that topic; search terms to use when researching the topic; a selection of nonfiction, reference, and fiction books; a list of World Wide Web sites appropriate for student or teacher use; a list of multimedia materials, including CD-ROMs and videos; and cross-references to related pathfinders. Following the pathfinders, is a section that provides an introduction to research methods and describes the Big6(TM) Skills problem-solving approach, the I-Search research method, and creating an alphabet book to discover and record information on a particular theme. Appendices include: a research methods and library skills bibliography; guidelines for researching on the Internet and evaluating Web sites; nontraditional citation methods; a list of periodical indexes for children's literature; and an annotated bibliography of children's magazines and their Web sites. Contains an index. (AEF)

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